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Re: Response to Examiner Request for Documents for entry  
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- 1) Substance of Examiner Interview and Response to Examiner Request for Documents (3 pages), with:
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  - c) True copy of European Search Report dated 11/7/2000 (3 pages); and
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Dear Sir:

After receiving a Notice of Allowance in the above application, Applicant performed a review of the file and noted that the PTO Form 1449 filed on September 12, 2002 by first class mail had not been returned by the PTO.

On March 17, 2006, Applicant contacted the Examiner to determine whether the IDS and PTO Form 1449 were in the PTO file. The Examiner indicated that the papers were not in the PTO file and requested that a copy of the papers and a copy of the return receipt postcard be forwarded to him. The papers were sent to the Examiner on March 17, 2006 by facsimile.

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On March 27, 2006, Applicant received a voicemail from the Examiner asking that the papers be resubmitted to the Official PTO fax number for entry of papers. This paper is a response to that request.

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- 4) True copy of Form PTO-1449 (1 page).

Applicant respectfully submits that these papers were previously timely filed as shown by the return receipt postcard and so no fee should be owed for consideration of the enclosed papers. Also, Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the timely filing, the papers should be considered and entered in the application. If a petition is required for consideration of the enclosed papers, Applicant hereby so petitions.

☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

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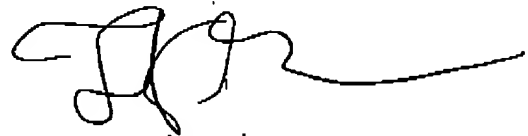
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If the Examiner action is other than entry of the enclosed papers in the above application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call and notify Applicant's attorney. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner also is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

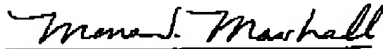
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